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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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On January 17, 2003 an additional verbally presented Restriction Requirement from Examiner Truong to Applicant's attorney Charles A. Lemaire alleged as separate species invention embodiments as shown and described in Hopper feed displacement mechanism:

- (a) Figure 2
  - (b) Figures 3a 3b 4
  - (c) Figures 3c 6
  - (d) Figure 7
- second compression mechanism:
- (e) Figure 9a
  - (f) Figure 9b
  - (g) Figure 9c
  - (h) Figure 9d
  - (i) Figure 9e
  - (j) Figure 9f
  - (k) Figure 11

Applicant previously provisionally elected Group I including apparatus claims 1-8, 19-24, with traverse. Applicant now elects species (e) of Figure 9A, wherein claims 19, 25, and 37 are generic for this species. Applicant also adds apparatus claim 37, with claims 27-35 amended to depend on claim 37, directed to the apparatus invention of the provisionally elected Group 1 and species (e), as means-plus-function claims to be interpreted under 35 U.S.C. 112, paragraph 6. Claim 27 is amended to depend on claim 37.